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Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society (EWNHS)

BirdLife Partner in Ethiopia

Membership Brochure



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1. BACKGROUND ON EWNHS

The Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society is an independent membership-based Society, legally established in Ethiopia in September 1966. EWNHS is a not-for-profit grassroots indigenous national-level conservation NGO, one of the most prominent in Ethiopia advocating for wise use and conservation of biodiversity, natural resources and environment. His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie used to be the Patron of the Society. As the oldest non-governmental environmental conservation organization in Ethiopia, EWNHS has played decisive roles in the appreciation and conservation of the natural heritage of the country for almost five decades. EWNHS has been re-registered and licensed as an *Ethiopian Residents Charity* in December 2009 by the Agency established

to manage Charities and Societies in accordance with the Charities and Societies Proclamation No. 621/2009. It has been endowed with a certificate of legal registration bearing the number 0720 as official charity number.

EWNHS is the designated BirdLife Partner in Ethiopia, making it part of the world's largest international network dedicated to the conservation of the planet's birds. Accordingly, it shares and is striving to meet the four core pillars of conservation objectives of BirdLife International Partnership: Saving **species**, protecting **sites**, conserving **habitats** and empowering and improving the livelihoods of **people**. As a BirdLife Partner, EWNHS represents the bird conservation of Ethiopia nationally and across the world and has access to the many resources the Partnership provides its members, including scientific support and institutional development.

The Society is the main authority in the country on the avifauna of Ethiopia and exerts great efforts to save threatened species (e.g. Liben Lark, White-winged Flufftail) from extinction. It is very much specialized in environmental education and production of environment-related promotional publications that focus on species, sites, habitats and site-adjacent communities. To that effect, the Society has been successful in publishing and disseminating over 20 assorted thematic promotional publications to various audiences. EWNHS promotes understanding, appreciation and conservation of nature by working closely with government and non-government conservation institutions, individuals, schools, higher learning institutions, community groups and other conservation organizations engaged in issues pertaining to conservation of biodiversity to ensure that

the future generations treasure and protect Ethiopia's natural heritage. It is very well experienced in working with and accommodating the interests of like-minded stakeholders and partners. As result of its work in collaboration with all stakeholders throughout Ethiopia, EWNHS has a wide supporter base and its relation with the Government of Ethiopia is very strong. It is the first national NGO in Ethiopia to sign a formal contract with Government to implement a biodiversity conservation project funded by GEF for five years.

2. ASSETS

A few assets of the Society include, among others:

- Working with an array of like-minded conservation networks
- Smooth and mutual working relationships with stakeholders

- Reputable image within stakeholders and the public domain
- Good and transparent track records in financial management
- Very much specialized in project development and management
- Exemplary and a springboard for sprouting of similar sister conservation organizations
- Possesses very resourceful working and procedural manuals
- Transparency and accountability
- A resource center for ornithological studies.

3. GOVERNANCE

A Board of Management (Executive Committee), elected from among members every three years (seven in number), governs the Society under guidelines from its General Assembly. Board members serve on a voluntary basis on policy

levels, whilst a Secretariat runs the day-to-day activities of the Society, headed by an Executive Director and staffed with over 20 salaried employees. The Executive Director is a non-voting member and Secretary of the Board.

4. VISION

Ethiopia's environment conserved and enhanced jointly by citizens and Government and biodiversity sustainably serving livelihoods of present and future generations.

5. MISSION

The conservation, development and sustainable utilization of Ethiopia's biodiversity and nature enhanced through education, awareness raising, advocacy and research.

6. OBJECTIVES

EWNHS anticipates attaining the following specific objectives:

1. Promote **education** on conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity and natural resources of the country.
2. **Raise awareness** of members and the wider public on the need to conserve the environment and biodiversity and promoting sustainable utilization of natural resources of the country.
3. **Disseminate information** and **lessons learnt** on biodiversity conservation and environmental protection activities to various stakeholders to support informed decision-making.
4. **Advocate** for development of strategies, formulation of policies and issuance of legislations that are pertinent to conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity and natural resources.
5. Ensure that **development plans** taking place at key sites, identified as Biodiversity Hotspots, are environment, **eco-friendly** and are not affecting the sites in any manner.
6. Support, promote and conduct **demand-driven researches** related to conservation of biodiversity and protection of environment.
7. Undertake **on-the-ground conservation** activities at key and threatened biodiversity sites when deemed necessary.
8. Conduct continuous **monitoring** activities at selected wetlands and other key biodiversity sites designated as IBAs.
9. Advocate and take mitigation measures against potential introduction and expansion of **non-native species** that are detrimental to the existence of indigenous species and promote the planting of indigenous tree species.

10. Work in close and smooth **partnership** with government and other like-minded non-state actors in the areas of bringing about good environmental governance.

7. WHY MEMBERSHIP?

EWNHS is registered with the Agency for Charities and Societies as a membership-based Society, and therefore, running membership is a requirement for EWNHS rather than a preference. Moreover, EWNHS is a member of Birdlife International and closely cooperates with Birdlife partners to save birds and their habitats, through involvement of people. The byelaw of BirdLife compels all partners to be membership-based (to enhance networking, advocacy, lobbying and induce awareness). As a member of BirdLife, EWNHS needs to be a membership-based Society and is

required to incorporate membership as one of its core activities. To that effect, it is imperative that the Society will be obliged to run membership and mainstream the concept in the Society.

8. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any person and institution/organization (CBO, NGO or GO) interested in the activities of the Society, and is willing to subscribe to its mission and objectives.

9. BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

Depending on the membership category to which members have been subscribed, EWNHS provides to its members the services and materials indicated below:

- Becoming member to EWNHS offers you the opportunity to contribute to conservation of your

beloved country, by supporting an organization with half a century of achievements.

- Providing opportunities to members to be involved in the activities of the Society on voluntary basis whereby you can gain work experiences useful for your future careers. Successful volunteers will be provided with certificates and or letters of recommendation.
- Free participation in membership activities and meetings of the Society.
- Admission to the Society's Resource Centre free of charge, including borrowing of Videos.
- Discounted prices on the Society's publications and merchandise, including books, T-shirts, CDs, etc.
- Receiving of the Society's Newsletter electronically.
- The companionship of like-minded people, including scientists and all they have to offer.
- Receiving of *Walia*, an annual quasi-scientific journal of the Society & *Agazen* (School Magazine).
- Receiving of Thematic Readers, Posters, Flyers and Fact sheets when published with funding secured for other projects.
- Free access (to all interested members) to indoor lectures, talks and video shows organized by the Society.
- Providing the opportunity of field outings and hikes for Nature/Wildlife Club members and patrons when project funding is secured for the purpose, from donors.
- Technical support and training to patrons of Nature Clubs that are members.
- Stationery materials for Nature Clubs intending to produce Club Magazines.
- Technical assistance to Nature Clubs when they are organizing events like World Environment Day and Arbor Day celebrations.
- Nursery tools and assorted indigenous tree seeds for member schools and community nature clubs involved in greening activities and rehabilitation

of degraded areas when project funding is secured for the purpose from donors.

- Access to publishing relevant resource materials at the website of the Society.
- One of the biggest benefits of being a member is recognizing that you are contributing to save Ethiopia's natural heritage, for yourself, your children and the generation to come.

10. HOW CAN MEMBERS HELP?

As policy, EWNHS envisages that the following major benefits can be accrued from members:

- Members are used as tools to sustain most activities of the society, although not in terms of financial sustainability as yet.
- Members are income generators (contribute to the core funding of the organization).
- Core-funding comes from annual subscriptions but additional financial support can be gained

from members through appeals for specific work and paying a certain percentage to EWNHS and being involved in fund-raising campaigns organized by the Society.

- Membership fees are usually considered as very valuable source of income as they are not earmarked for specific activities and can be thus used flexibly whenever the organization wishes to cover core costs such as salaries and office running costs.
- Members can be mobilized to play active roles in advocacy, lobbying and awareness-raising.
- Members provide expertise in the form of voluntary services (unpaid time).
- Members assist in networking and promoting their mother Society.
- Members can play decisive roles in building the image of the organization of which they are a part.

EWNHS Membership Registration Form

I. Personal details

1. Dr/ Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____ 2. Full Name: _____
3. Sex (M/F) : _____ 4. Date of Birth (d-m-y)*: _____
5. Place of Birth* : _____ 6. Nationality: _____
7. Qualification (Dip, BA, MA, BSc, MSc, etc.): _____
8. Field of Study: _____ 9. Occupation: _____
10. Organization: _____
11. Position: _____.

II. Contact Address

12. Country: _____ 13. State: _____
14. City/Town: _____ 15. Subcity: _____
16. Kebele: _____ 17. H. No*: _____ 18. P. O. Box: _____
19. Tel (Office): _____ 20. Tel (Home): _____
21. Mobile: _____ 22. Fax: _____
23. E-Mail: _____ 24. Website: _____

* Optional

III. Membership Category

Please tick the membership category that most suits you:

Membership Category	Subscription Fee	
1. Ordinary Member	Birr60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Family Member (Ethiopians)	Birr125.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Elementary School Students (Grades 1-6)	Birr10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Secondary School Students (Grades 7-12)	Birr5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Colleges and University Students	Birr15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Nature/Wildlife Clubs, Schools & CBO	Birr45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Institutions (NGOs, GOs, Colle. & Univ.)	Birr100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Corporate members (profit making org)	Birr500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Supporting Members (Resident Expatriates & Ethiopians by Birth)	US\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Life Members (Resident Ethiopians)	Birr1500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Life Members (Resident Expatriates)	Birr2500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV. For Membership Categories No. 6-8 only:

I, the undersigned, confirm my Institution's interest and commitment to be a member of the Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society and pledge to fulfill the membership requirements, including the payment of the annual membership fee.

_____ Membership authorized by
Position _____ Signature _____

V. Mode of Payment for all Membership Categories

I wish to pay:

1. by cash on the date of the General Annual Meetings
2. directly at the EWNHS Office
3. by cash to a collector assigned by EWNHS
4. as bank transfer to the dedicated bank account of EWNHS
5. as postal money order

Date of Application: _____

Signature: _____

(For Membership Categories other than 6, 7 and 8)

Please tear off and return the completed form to the EWNHS Secretariat in person, the scanned copy by E-mail (ewnhs.ble@ethionet.et) or by post (EWNHS, P. O. Box 13303, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

- Members can be a source of influence in winning the support of the public, politicians and policy/decision-makers for the Society to meet its objectives.
- Number of members also matters in terms of giving weight and credibility to statements made through the organization (e.g. when lobbying and advocating at national level).
- Members can help the Society to stay focused on its original mission.
- Members can provide useful advice on the future direction of the Society.
- Membership is both a support to EWNHS (in terms of finance, advocacy, influence, lobbying) and involvement (in the Society's activities as volunteers).
- The objectives of EWNHS can be better achieved through education, networking, awareness-raising and dissemination of information, advocacy, monitoring and fundraising. The Society's members play decisive roles as springboards in promoting the objectives of the organization. Therefore, membership is the organization's constituency to help promote organizational objectives.
- Threatened animals can not speak for themselves, but you can speak out for them via the support you provide to the EWNHS.
- Write protest letters and sign petitions in support of our campaigns as deemed necessary.
- Inform friends and all your contacts of the threats to biodiversity, natural resources and the environment as a whole.
- Assist in fund-raising and establishing contact with relevant conservation collaborators.
- A little help from you can help save species, sites and habitats and improve livelihoods of site adjacent impoverished people

12. NATURE CALL

The Power of One: Perhaps the most amazing aspect of nature is the power of one. Each animal, each bird and each plant plays a key role in the cycle of nature.

Likewise, each one of us can contribute to the protection of our environment. Mother Nature needs your assistance.

ADD your voice and ACT immediately to conserve Nature by sharing the objectives of EWNHS and subscribing as a member. Through unity and harmony, we can make a difference.

Please pay annual membership fees and/or donate via the following bank account and send receipts to the address below.

Account Holder: Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society

Account Number: 1858/ 0171812282000

Bank Name: Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

Branch Name: Andinet Branch

Swift Code: CBETETAA

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Kindly forward all enquiries to:

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